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REMARKS

Pursuant to **MPEP § 1214.06**, and further to the Decision on Appeal (hereinafter "Decision") (**Appeal No. 2009-002957**) of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (hereinafter "Board") mailed **July 30, 2009**, claims 1, 11, and 16-26 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 2-4, 12-14, and 27 have been amended. No claims have been newly added. Therefore, claims 2-10, 12-15, and 27 are currently pending.

Entry of this Amendment and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth below.

DECISION OF THE BOARD

In the Decision, the Board sustained the rejection of claims 1, 9-16, and 24-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,674,041 to Lemon *et al.* (hereinafter "Lemon") [Decision, pg. 9, lines 12-15], but did not sustain the rejection of dependent claim 4 [Decision, pg. 9, lines 16-22; pg. 12, lines 2-4; and pg. 12, lines 9-11].

The Board sustained the rejection of claims 16-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,887,271 to Powell (hereinafter "Powell") [Decision, pg. 10, line 19 – pg. 11, line 4].

The Board sustained the rejection of 1-3, 5-16, 19, and 24-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,321,208 to Barnett *et al.* (hereinafter "Barnett") [Decision, pg. 11, lines 7-16], but did not sustain the rejection of dependent claim 4 [Decision, pg. 11, lines 17-19; pg. 12, lines 2-4; and pg. 12, lines 9-11].

In view of the Decision, and pursuant to MPEP § 1214.06, independent claim 1 has been cancelled, and dependent claim 4 (for which the Board has reversed all rejections) has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of cancelled claim 1. Claims 2, 3, 5-10, 12-15, and 27 now each ultimately depend from independent claim 4.

Independent claim 11 has been cancelled.

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Independent claim 16, and dependent claims 17-26 have also been cancelled.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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